

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, as follows:

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This application is a continuation-in-part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/489,069, filed January 21, 2000 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,342,058 _____), which, in turn, was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,566, filed May 14, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,152,959).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 40, line 17, as follows:

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FIG. 27 also illustrates a very important features of the embodiments illustrated in FIGS. 27, 28 and 30-36. As can be seen in FIG. 27, each pincer gap 732 has opposed end portions 756 and a central-most portion 758. Each fixation member 710 ~~The side region 718~~ has a first location 760 disposed closer to the optic 716 than the pincer gap 732. This first location 760 is spaced apart from the central-most portion 758 of the pincer gap 732 by a distance x which is typically between about 1.3 mm. Each fixation member 710 ~~The side region 718~~ further has a second location 762 disposed farther from the optic 716 than the pincer gap 732. This second location 762 is spaced apart from the central-most portion 758 of the pincer gap 732 by a distance y, which is substantially the same distance as x.